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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JULY 3rd, 1896.

A most shameful fraud is disclosed in an engagingly frank manner by the *Indo-Chine Française*, the writer apparently being quite unconscious of any cause of wrong in the matter. Our contemporary has been publishing a series of articles on the cotton industry in Indo-China, and in the course of the argument the preference of the native for well known chops is referred to. "It is necessary," says the writer, "to support the mills established in Tonkin in order that our nationals may be able to compete advantageously with foreign goods, the sale of which is so considerable in all the markets in our possession. We recollect trials made by some of our compatriots to sell the 'Annamites' cotton yarn to French origin. The natives recognised the superiority of the French thread, but even at the same price they would not buy it. They were accustomed to use English cotton of so many hanks to the kilogramme and with a certain mark on the package and they would have no other. They were shown that the French thread was whiter, more solid, that the weight of the packages was the same. They looked only at the mark and asked for English yarn No. 20, 20, or 40. This spirit of routine amongst them had so little reason that one of our friends having several holes of French yarn in his godowns and being unable to get rid of them except by buying English labels, removing the French ones, and affixing the English ones, did so, and the goods were then eagerly sought after. We should not like to suppose that frauds of this kind were common amongst our French neighbours, nor is it very likely, for the Frenchman's difficulty is that he is unable to produce goods to compete in price with those of other countries, and there is no advantage to be gained by affixing fraudulent marks to goods which cannot be sold for the same price as the goods to which the mark properly belongs. Nevertheless, the circumstance reminds us of the fact that British interests in Tonkin are entirely unrepresented and unprotected, although this important trade consists very largely of British goods. There are no British Consuls in the country, and no British Consul is maintained there. A Consul would certainly have little regular consular work to do, with none of his nationals to claim his attention and very rarely the entry of a British ship to take note of, but as a gatherer of commercial

information such an officer might render valuable service and might perhaps open up the way for the establishment of British firms. At all events he would be able to keep merchants and manufacturers informed of the progress of the country, its requirements, the treatment accorded to British goods, and any abuses that might spring up and call for redress.

In the communication addressed by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to Mr. BYRON BRENAN upon matters affecting British trade in China there is one recommendation made the wisdom of which is, we think, doubtful. The recommendation is that "titular Consuls should be permitted, when possible, to remain in their posts undisturbed, as thus they can acquire a practical and intimate knowledge of local trade and the advancement of British interests be promoted." Other things being equal, we should say British interests would be more likely to be promoted by a Consul who had experience of the trade of other ports as well as of that which he may happen to be stationed. It is very undesirable that the objects of a port to the removal of a Consul who has identified himself with the interests of the community and has served those interests energetically and well, but taking a more comprehensive view it must be recognised that there are advantages in giving our Consuls a diversified experience and by periodic changes preventing their getting into a rut. In the colonial service a Governor's term of office is six years, but perhaps that can hardly be cited as an example in point, as the arrangement is made probably more with a view to the interests of the Service by preventing a block in promotion than with a view to the interests of the colonies. An example more in point is that of the Chinese Foreign Customs Service. Sir ROBERT HART seems to set on the principle of keeping his Commissioners frequently on the move, and that without any reference to the question of promotion. A Commissioner puts in two or three years at one port and then is transferred to another, and it is the same in the junior branches of the Service, so that every member of it has the advantage of becoming acquainted not only with the trade of a particular port, but also with the trade of the whole country. In the British Consular Service in China changes also are not infrequent, due to foreign and occasional retirements, and on the whole we are inclined to think these changes must be beneficial to the interests of the Consuls so supposed to promote. If in some cases change may be unwelcome to one port it will probably be correspondingly welcome and advantageous to another. Perhaps it might not be desirable to follow the example of the Chinese Customs Service in its very frequent changes, but on the other hand there does not seem to be any substantial reason for stringing after permanency, as advocated by the Chinese Chamber. The more experience a Consul has the better able will he be to serve the interests of the port at which he happens to be stationed, and experience is to be gained by moving from one port to another.

There seems to be something peculiar in the postal arrangements at Bangkok. We yesterday received papers from that port of the 23rd and 24th May, together with some of a month's later date.

The young Crown Prince of Siam is a boy who will probably make his mark later on. He is a native of Siam, and is a member of the royal family, and is a very intelligent and capable young man. He is now in Europe, and is studying at the University of London. He is a very popular figure, and is much admired by the people of Siam.

The Marquis de Morés, whose death was reported a few days ago, had a remarkable career. He was a member of the Spanish nobility, and was a very distinguished soldier and statesman. He was born in 1810, and died in 1895. He was a very popular figure, and was much admired by the people of Spain.

The following is a list of the members of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation who have been elected to the office of Directors for the year 1896.

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 Arnold, Karberg & Co.  
 Luella, American bark, 1,324, Ballard, Mar. 28,  
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 Maxmel Liaguno, Amr. ship, 1,650, Small, April  
 27, Order  
 Mottriever, Amr. sch., 75, Walls, April 3,  
 Order  
 Kachem, Amr. ship, 1,311, Lanenster, June 12,  
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 Savona British ship, 1,893, Domesare, June 12,

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Southern Isles, British ship, 1,925, Nicol, June  
15, Melchior & Co  
Sintrean, Amr. ship, 1,576, Woodside, April 28,  
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Secotia, British ship, 1,597, Rhoda, June 29,  
Shewan & Co  
Spinaway, British barkentine, 325, Garrick,  
June 21, Siemens & Co  
F. F. Onkes, Amr. ship, 1,896, Reid, June 6,  
Cranwitz & Co

Wandering Jew, Amr. ship, 1,600, Nicholls,  
Sept. 17, Captain

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In Port on 27th June, 1898.

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May 23, Chow Tai Chong & Co

Claro Babayan, British bark, Brown, June 4,  
Pasching & Co

Nelly Troop, British bark, 1,213, Kenney, May  
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HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS.

HERBERT SMITH, Assistant Quarter Master,  
IN THE "HINA SQUADRON."  
Eolus, cruiser, 22 guns, 7,000 h.p., Captain  
Groome, Singapore  
Alacrity, despatch-boat, 16 guns, 3,000 h.p.,  
Com. F. G. de Lisle, at Nagasaki  
Archer, cruiser, 14 guns, 3,500 h.p., Comd. C.  
E. Kingsmill, at Shanghai  
Centurion, flagship, 41 guns, 13,000 h.p., Capt.  
S. H. Legh, enlisting  
Daphne, sloop, 14 guns, 2,000 h.p., Comd. G. H.  
MacArthur, at Chemulpo

Edgar, protected cruiser, 36 guns, 10,000 h.p.,  
Capt. W. H. Hendemon, at Chofoo  
Esk, gun-vessel, 3 guns, 340 h.p., Lieut.-Com.  
H. P. Burton, at Shanghai  
Firebrand, gun-vessel, 6 guns, 360 h.p., Lieut.-  
Com. V. Mand, on Yangtze  
Hamber, storeship, Capt. Frank W. Wiley, at  
Shanghai  
Immortalité, armored cruiser, 34 guns, 8,500  
h.p., Capt. B. Chichester, at Nagasaki  
Linnet, gun-vessel, 6 guns, 870 h.p., Com. R. C.  
Seymour, at Shanghai

Narcissus, armoured cruiser, 24 guns, 8,500 h.p.,  
Capt. H. B. Law, cruising  
Peacock, gunboat, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.  
Com. Linton, cruising  
Pigmy, gunboat, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.  
Com. Bellairs, at Hakodadi  
Pique, cruiser, 22 guns, 7,000 h.p., Capt. Henry  
C. Birge, cruising  
Plover, gunboat, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.-Com.  
Horsely, at Amoy  
Porpoise, cruiser, 14 guns, 3,500 h.p., Com. F. R.

Polly, at Singapore  
 Rainbow, cruiser, 22 guns, 7,000 h.p., Capt. W.  
   C. G. Forsyth, cruising  
 Rattler, gunboat, 8 guns, 1,300 h.p., Lieut.-Com.  
   H. Cotesworth, at Bangkok  
 Redpole, gunboat, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.-  
   Com. Grafton, at Macao  
 Solent, torpedo mining-launch, at Hongkong  
 Spartan, cruiser, 22 guns, 7,000 h.p., Capt.  
   Alfred L. Winslow, cruising  
 Swift, gunboat, 8 guns, 870 h.p., Com. R. K.  
   McAlpine, cruising

Twoed, gun-rudder, 3 guns, 310 h.p., Lieut.-Com.  
G. A. C. Ward, at Hongkong  
Undamtd, armoured cruiser, 36 guns, 8,500 h.p.,  
Capt. Hallifax, at Hongkong  
Victor Emanuel, receiving ship, 20 guns, Com-  
modore Boyes, at Hongkong  
Wivern, coast defence ship, armoured, 10 guns,  
1,000 h.p., at Hongkong

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CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.**

Admiral Korniloff, Russian protected cruiser, 36 guns, 9,090 h.p., Capt. Molias, at Nsaki.  
Ad. Nachimoff, Russian armoured cruiser, 38 guns, 8,000 h.p., Capt. Kashirinoff, at Vladivostok.  
Aleout, Russian gunboat, 8 guns, 1,300 h.p., Capt. Elkinsky, at Vladivostok.  
Alger, French protected cruiser, 30 guns, 8,254 h.p., Com. Bozatet, at Koba.  
Arcona, German cruiser, 19 guns, 2,400 h.p., Capt. Simon, at Chifso.  
Aspic, French gunboat, 6 guns, 453 h.p., Capt.

Journal, at Bangkok

Bayard, French flag-ship, 36 guns, 4,500 h.p.,  
Com. Fortin, at Yokohama

Beaumont-Beaupre, French cruiser, 14 guns,  
985 h.p., Capt. Ternet, at Yokohama

Bengo, Portuguese ght., 3 guns, 400 h.p., Lieut.-  
Com. Antonio Talou de Costa e Silva, at  
Macao

Eobro, Russian gun-vessel, 13 guns, 1,150 h.p.,  
Capt. Molos, at Nagasaki

Exton, American cruiser, 18 guns, 3,511 h.p.,  
Capt. Schuch, at Yokohama

Capt. F. Willard, at Shanghai  
Castilla, Spanish cruiser, 20 guns, 4,100 h.p.,  
Capt. Enrique Santalo, at Manila  
Comete, French gunboat, 6 guns, 450 h.p., Capt.  
Maudet, at Shanghai  
Cormoran, German cruiser, 12 guns, 2,700 h.p.,  
Com. Brinkman, at Chefoo  
Concord, Amer. cruiser, 15 guns, 3,400 h.p.,  
Com. Craig, at Yokohama  
Detroit, Amer. cruiser, 16 guns, 5,400 h.p., Com.  
John Stark Newell, at Yokohama  
Dimitri Donsky, Russian armoured cruiser, 34

guns, 7,000 hp., Com. Witthoff, at Chemulpo  
 Din. Portuguese gunboat, 6 guns, 700 hp., Cap.  
 A. Gomes, at Macao  
 Don Antonio de Ulla, Spanish corv., 14 guns,  
 1,600 hp., Com. Duclot, at Manila  
 Don Juan de Austria, Spanish corv., 14 guns,  
 1,600 hp., Com. R. P. de Bonanza, at Manila  
 Emperor Nicolai I., Russian flag-ship, 38 guns,  
 8,000 hp., Capt. Foelkerling, at Vostock  
 Forfait, French cruiser, 23 guns, 2,861 hp.,  
 Com. de la Roche, at Saigon

Capt. Deriot, at Chefoo  
 Gaidamak, Russian torpedo g.-bt., 18 guns, 3,500  
 h.p., Capt. Stearn, at Kobe  
 Gremiatshy, Russian armoured cruiser, 12 guns,  
 2,000 h.p., Capt. Baubenoit, at Chefoo  
 Illis, German gunboat, 22 guns, 530 h.p., Capt.  
 Braden, at Shanghai  
 Irene, German cruiser, 22 guns, 8,060 h.p.,  
 Capt. von Drosky, at Chefoo  
 Isly, French protected cr., 30 guns, 8,120 h.p.,  
 Capt. Rivet, at Kobe  
 Kaiser, German flag ship, 26 guns, 7,803 h.p.,

Capt. Pleschke, at Chefoo  
Koreetz, Russian cruiser, 14 guns, 1,600 h.p.  
Capt. Tiliot, at Korea  
Koreetz, Russian cruiser, 9 guns, 2,150 h.p.  
Capt. Lindstroem, at Yokohama  
Kroyger, Russian cruiser, 18 guns, 1,800 h.p.  
Capt. Belklemishoff, at Nagasaki  
Lion, French gunboat, 6 guns, 600 h.p., Capt.  
Peraux, at Saigon  
Machias, Aur. cruiser, 16 guns, 1,600 h.p., Com.  
E. S. Houston, at Kobe  
Mikasa, Russian cruiser, 14 guns, 1,400 h.p.

Com. Podlipskiy, at Vladivostok  
Monocacy, Amr. gun-voesel, 6 guns, 1,370 h.p.  
Com. Reisinger, at Tsientsin  
Nagasaki, Russian cruiser, 14 guns, 1,300 h.p.  
Capt. Zarine, at Vladivostok  
Olympia, American flagship, 34 guns, 13,500 h.p.  
Capt. J. J. Read, at Yokohama  
Otnary, Russian armoured cruiser, 12 guns,  
2,500 h.p., Capt. Barab, at Nagasaki  
Pamiat Azova, Russian armoured s.s., 36 guns,  
8,000 h.p., Capt. Rudnionoff, at Vladivostok

Plaviev, French gunboat, 4 guns, 500 h.p. Com.  
Vedel, at Bangkok.  
Princess Wilhelm, German cruiser, 20 guns,  
8,000 h.p. Capt. Holtzendorff, at Nagasaki.  
Reina Cristina, Spanish cruiser, 22 guns, 4,800  
h.p. Capt. Voletto, at Hongkong.  
Rurik, Russian flag ship, 44 guns, 13,500 h.p.  
Com. Kroezer, at Vladivostok.  
Silatch, Russian gunboat, 4 guns, 1,200 h.p.  
Capt. Barronoff, at Vladivostok.  
Sivoutch, Russian gunboat, 13 guns, 1,200 h.p.  
Capt. Astromoff, at Tientsin.

Triumphante, Russian armoured, crs, 24 gums,  
4,200 h.p., Capt. B. da Bravado, at Saigum  
Viper, French gunboat, 6 gums, 427 h.p., Capt.  
Constello, at Bangkok  
Veslock, Russian torpedo gunboat, 4 gums, 650  
h.p., Com. Malchovsky, at Vladivostok  
Vladnik, Russian torpedo-boat, 18 gums, 3,500  
h.p., Capt. Greve, at Kobe  
Yakout, Russian gunboat, 16 gums, 890 h.p.,  
at Vladivostok  
Yorktown, Amr. cruiser, 16 gums, 3,400 h.p.,

Com. Stockton, at Cherbo.  
Zabake, Russian cruiser, 20 guns, 2,000 h.p.  
Capt. Lebedeff, at Kobe

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